

Cactus Hugger Cycling Club

January 27, 2009

Deon Goheen Washington County Planning Commission 197 East Tabernacle St. George, UT 84770

Dear Deon:

On Saturday, April 26, 2009 the Cactus Hugger Cycling Club (formerly Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association) is sponsoring a 100-mile recreational bicycle ride as a part of the two-day "Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival." The Festival will be staged at the Ivins City Park, 100 North Main, Ivins, Utah.

The Cactus Hugger Century (100-mile ride) is routed through the entire county as noted on the enclosed map. A road cue is also enclosed which indicates the route as currently planned barring any further changes necessitated by road construction.

No special services are requested of Washington County. All stops along the route have been pre-arranged as noted in the attached documentation. If you wish to be listed on our liability insurance policy, please let me know.

The ride is fully supported as outlined on the enclosed documents. Should you have further questions, please feel free to call me at 435-299-1404.

Sincerely.

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Lucy Ormond, Director

Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival

Cactus Hugger 100-mile Century 2009
For emergency call 911, then notify the ride director 435-229-1404

At all Rest Stops, keep bikes and people off the road! Ride single file following route signs and road arrows.

BEWARE OF CATTLE GUARDS NEAR GUNLOCK AND SPEED BUMPS in SNOW CANYON PARK!

Mileage	Directions
0.0 miles	Start at Ivins City Park 100 East 100 North
0.1	Right onto Center Street
0.4	Left onto 400 West at round about
1.3	Left onto Hwy 91 (will have police officer assistance)
4.9	Right onto Arrowhead Trail
5.9	Left onto Malaga Avenue
6.0	Right onto Country Lane
6.5	Left onto Stonebridge Drive at round about
7.0	Right onto Dixie Drive
9.9	Right onto 600 West
10.1	Right onto Tonaquint Drive
11.4	Right onto Bloomington Drive making entire loop in Bike Lane
14.4	Right onto Tonaquint
15.7	Left onto 600 West
15.9	Left onto Dixie Drive at light
18.7	Left onto Stonebridge Dr. (will have police officer assistance)
19.3	Right onto Country Lane
20.3	Left onto Hafen Lane
20.4	Right onto Arrowhead
20.5	Right onto Lava Flow Dr.
21.3	Left onto Little League Drive
21.6	Left onto bike trail at Lava Cove
23.2	Exit bike trail and continue on Pioneer Parkway
24.0	Right onto 400 East
25.0	Left onto 400 South
25.6	Right onto Main
26.0	Rest stop at Ivins City Park the right onto 100 West
26.3	Left onto 400 North
26.4	Right onto 200 West
26.5	Left onto 450 North
26.8	Right onto 400 West which becomes Taviawk Drive
28.3	Left onto Wintook Drive
28.5	Right onto Evening Star Drive
28.8	Through 4-way stop continuing on Evening Star Drive
28.9	Follow the signs through Kayenta
29.1	Left onto Tuweep Drive
29.3	Right onto Keleva Trail
29.4	Left onto Kwavasa Drive
29.8	Right onto Kayenta Parkway
30.6	Right onto Old Hwy 91
34.0	Left at "Y" up and over Utah Hill
46.2	REST STOP and 66-mile turn around
51.2	ARIZONA STATE LINECentury turn around
68.2	Left at "Y" onto State Road 3184.
73.7	REST STOP. BEWARE OF ROUGH CATTLE GRATES NEXT FEW MILES!!!
81.7	"THE WALL"
84.3	"PASTRY REST STOP" at Veyo Café then right onto HWY 18.
93.7	Right onto Snow Canyon Road. Show number at gate. BEWARE OF SPEED 6 BUMPS!
101.3	Right onto Center Stree SINGLE FILE for NEXT 1/2 MILE or you may be ticketed!
101.8	Right onto Park Avenue Way
102.1	Left around round-about, continuing east on Park Avenue Way
103.0	Left onto Main Street to FINISH and LUNCH at Ivins City Park. Congratulations!!!

Cactus Hugger Century Saturday, April 25, 2009 Lucy Ormond, Director Cell 435-229-1404

General Description of Event

On the weekend of April 25-26, 2009 the Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival will take place in Washington County. The festival is sponsored by the Cactus Hugger Cycling Club (formerly Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association) the local recreational cycling club. The festival is a non-profit event all proceeds of which will go to free bicycle helmets for children of Washington County and bicycle safety, education and advocacy programs in Southwestern Utah.

On Saturday, April 25, 2009 the Cactus Hugger Century, a 100-mile long bicycle ride (NOT a race) will be staged with a mass start at 7:00 A.M. at the Ivins City Park 100 North Main in Ivins City. The Century is designed to cover 100 miles throughout Washington County. Two shorter options (42 mile and 67-mile) will be offered. These are along portions of the 100-mile route. Please see attached maps and road cues.

No road closures are required or requested for this event. All riding will be done in bicycle lanes, along road shoulders or bicycle paths. The route for the ride has been designed with the safety of the cyclists in mind so as to maximize right hand turns and avoid left hand turns across traffic.

The first 25-miles of this ride are an out-and-back ride from Ivins City Park to Bloomington then back to Ivins Park. After a rest stop at Ivins City Park, the cyclists will ride through Kayenta to Hwy 91. At the "Y" they will ride up Utah Hill and down to the Utah-Arizona border and back. Upon returning to the "Y" the cyclists will take State Road 3184 through Gunlock to Veyo. At Veyo they will turn south on Hwy 18 returning to the start via Snow Canyon State Park.

Directional signage will be placed at turns along the route the evening prior to the start of the ride. All signs will be removed by 6:00 pm at the end of the event. Signs are designed to be self-standing with legs driven into the ground.

Safety

Cyclists will receive written safety rules in their registration packets. These include riding to the right in single file, obeying the rules of the road, and calling "911" in the event of an emergency.

Safety for this ride is achieved by a communication system provided by the Dixie Amateur Radio Operators who will have a net control station at the Ivins City Park. There will also be operators roving along the entire 100-mile route and stationed at each of three rest stops along the route. Radio operators will have cell phones to call for emergency help (911) if needed. Also along the route will be roving SAG (support and gear) drivers with cell phones. These volunteers will be equipped to help cyclists with mechanical problems get back onto the road and call "911" should the need arise.

Police officers will be hired to direct traffic at two critical intersections along the route where cyclists will be making left-hand turns. One is at the junction of 400 West and Hwy 91 in Ivins and the other is at the junction of Stonebridge and Dixie Drive in St. George.

Washington County Planning Commission Meeting March 14, 2006

Item #2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT Request permission for a bike tour along County routes from Gunlock to Veyo and on to SR 9, south around Sand Hollow Reservoir, returning to Coral Canyon and back to St. George, as part of the Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival, Saturday, April 1, 2006. Lucy Ormond/Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association, applicant.

The planner explained that this event is sponsored by the Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association. This is a 100-mile recreational bicycle ride, with approximately 250 riders. It is a part of the three-day Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival staged at 100 South Main in St. George. The route includes a rest stop at Ivins and the loop continues to Gunlock, with another rest stop in Veyo, then returning through Snow Canyon, back to St. George, looping through Washington and around Sand Hollow, and back to SR-9. They return to Coral Canyon for a rest stop, then continue on through Washington, and back to the finish line in St. George. The different communities and businesses will be sponsors for the rest stop areas and their individual police departments will take care of escorts. The planner also said that the County Sheriffs Department was notified of this event and the County would want to be listed as a beneficiary on the liability insurance policy.

Lucy Ormond, applicant, said there are about fifty-eight (58) members of the Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association, and she is the current president. This association has been incorporated as a state nonprofit entity for about six (6) years. This year there will be approximately two hundred fifty (250) riders. Any proceeds go toward purchasing at least one hundred twenty-five (125) bicycle helmets for children in the community.

All the cyclists receive a packet of information, including the route, and a map. There are SAG (Support and Gear) vehicles who follow the riders along the route, to assist riders with a flat tire, or any other type of breakdown. There are five (5) rest stops, and a lunch stop. Anyone with an emergency along the route is instructed to call 911. All support personnel have cell phones, and Dixie Amateur radio operators are stationed at the route start/finish line, and other locations along the route. There will be signs for motorists to be alerted that there will be bicycle riders in the area. There is an SAG driver who is always behind the last cyclist, so there is no chance of anyone being left behind.

After a brief discussion it was determined that Washington County would be listed as a beneficiary on a liability insurance policy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hepworth to approve the Conditional Use Permi, for a period of one (1) year, making note that the County will be listed as a beneficiary on the insurance policy. Commissioner Balen seconded the motion. Four (4) commissioners voted Aye. The motion carried.

Washington County Planning Commission Meeting March 13, 2007

Item #3. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION. Request permission for a bike tour along County routes from Utah Hill, Gunlock to Veyo, Mountain Meadows and back to St. George, as a part of the Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival, Saturday, April 28, 2007. Lucy Ormond/Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association, applicant.

The planner explained that this is an automatic annual review. This event is sponsored by the Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association. This is a 100-mile recreational bicycle ride, with approximately 250 riders. It is a part of the three-day Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival staged at 100 South Main in St. George. The route includes a rest stop at Ivins and the loop continues to Gunlock, with another rest stop in Veyo, then extending this route to Mountain Meadows, then returning through Snow Canyon, back to St. George. The second phase looping through Washington and around Sand Hollow, and back to SR-9 has been discontinued due to increased traffic. They plan to have a new route over Utah Hill. The different communities and businesses will be sponsors for the rest stop areas and their individual police departments will take care of escorts. The County Sheriffs Department will be notified of this event and the County will be listed as a beneficiary on the liability insurance policy.

The planner said that there had been some concern over the number of these types of events, and suggested that with the County's growing population and traffic problems there is a need for careful monitoring of requests for permits. Some type of event is held almost every month. Pro Tem Chairman Hepworth asked for some sort of criteria to help determine the impact so that a future resolution could be passed.

There was a discussion regarding the many entities that are involved or affected by these events, such as the County Sheriff's Department, as well as ambulance services and other rescue type services. Concern was expressed for roads that would be impacted by the additional use. It was determined that input from the cities, the Sheriff's Department, and other organizations would be important in making future decisions.

Lucy Ormond, applicant, explained that this is a three-day festival, but the Century is the only event that will take place outside of the Ivins city limits. It is a one hundred-mile bike ride, held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. With four hundred riders participating, there is an average of four (4) per mile. This is the seventh year of the event, and there have been no serious accidents or emergency care needed.

Dixie Amateur Radio members will provide communication service in areas where there in no cell coverage. Portable toilets are provided along the route, as well as rest stops.

Motion was made by Commissioner Everett to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit Extension, for a period of one (1) year, with the same requirements as the original approval. Commissioner Christopher seconded the motion. Four (4) commissioners voted Aye. The motion carried.

Washington County Planning Commission Meeting March 11, 2008

Item #4. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION. Review extension for a bike tour along County routes from Utah Hill, Gunlock to Veyo, Mountain Meadows and back to St. George, as a part of the Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival, Saturday, April 26, 2008. Lucy Ormond/Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association, applicant.

The planner explained that this is the applicant's second extension. This event is sponsored by the Southwestern Utah Bicycle Touring Association. This is a 100-mile recreational bicycle ride, with approximately four hundred (400) riders. It is a part of the three-day Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival staged at the park in Ivins. The route includes a rest stop at different locations and the loop continues to Bloomington and back to Ivins, over Utah Hill and back to Gunlock, with a stop in Veyo. The bike route returns through Snow Canyon and back to Ivins. The different communities and businesses will be sponsors for the rest stop areas. Ms. Ormond indicated that she would obtain a current insurance policy that would list the County as a beneficiary for liability insurance. The applicant agreed to contact UDOT for approval and to inform them of their travel times on SR-9 to Zion.

Lucy Ormond, applicant, explained the change to the previous route. The Veyo to Mountain Meadow route was too busy and too narrow. This year there will be an early morning loop back down through St. George around Bloomington and back to Ivins. Permits from the cities involved have already been obtained. The remaining roads are all County roads.

This is a 2-day event on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 & 27, 2008. The second day is from Virgin into Zion National Park and back to Virgin. There will be four hundred (400) participants on the Saturday ride, that are spread out over the one hundred (100) mile route. Sunday's ride will only have between ten (10) and thirty (30) riders. The planner advised that the applicant should contact the Utah Department of Transportation to make sure they are aware of the route.

Ms. Ormond explained that there are five (5) rest stops, and amateur radio operators at each rest stop and along the route giving continual updates, including the location of the last rider. There were no accidents, but each SAG (Support and Gear) wagons have first aid kits, tubes and pumps for minor repairs, and radio operators. There are also cell phones available to communicate back and forth, and to call 9-1-1 if there is an emergency. Each rider has a copy of the safety rules.

Motion was made by Commissioner Christopher to recommend approval for a Conditional Use Permit Extension for a bike tour as a part of the Cactus Hugger Cycling Festival, for a period of one (1) year, subject to continued compliance with terms of the original approval. Commissioner Cropper seconded the motion. Four(4) commissioners voted Aye. The motion carried.